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PATENT APPLICATION  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICATION OF )  
MARCO BUSCH ET AL ) GROUP NO.:1652  
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/847,081 ) EXAMINER: D. J. STEADMAN  
FILED: MAY 2, 2001 )  
TITLE: METHOD OF FINDING )  
MODULATORS OF ENZYMES OF )  
THE CAROTENOID BIOSYNTHETIC )  
PATHWAY )

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(A)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Sir:

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Applicants, by the undersigned attorney, respectfully petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(A) to extend the time for filing their response so that the Amendment filed simultaneously with this Petition will be considered timely filed.

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Name of applicant, assignee or Registered Representative

Signature

March 3, 2003

Date

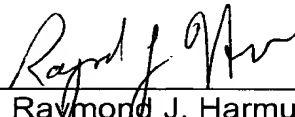
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Respectfully submitted,

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